

QUARTERLY REPORT  
January - March 1990

The First Quarter of 1990 was marked by two events which are likely to have lasting repercussions within the UFO community: the publication of *The Gulf Breeze Sightings* by Ed and Frances Walters, and the convening of a second conference on the abduction phenomenon involving mental health practitioners and UFO investigators.

The book on the Gulf Breeze sightings, which details the experiences of Ed Walters (formerly known only as "Mr. Ed") and his family in Gulf Breeze, Florida, from 1987 through 1989. Theirs are only the most detailed of the many sighting reports involving more than 100 witnesses in the area during that period. The book, published by William Morrow, contains 70 color photos taken by Ed, Frances and other witnesses, including pictures taken with a specially-designed "stereo camera" and videotape footage shot by Ed in the presence of witnesses.

The photos and videotape were analyzed by Bruce Maccabee, Ph.D., Chairman of the Fund and a recognized expert in the analysis of UFO photographs. Dr. Maccabee had already published two papers on the Gulf Breeze case (see the enclosed Reply Form), and he contributed a chapter to the book on his analysis of the photos. Dr. Maccabee's conclusion was that there was no evidence of a hoax and that the photographs are of a "True UFO."

The Executive Committee of the Fund hosted a special reception for Mr. Walters in the Washington, D.C., area on March 18, the eve of a two-week "book tour" sponsored by the publisher in major cities across the country. The Fund's supporters in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia were invited to attend and meet the author, who discussed his experiences at length. Autographed copies of the book were offered for sale, and a limited number of copies are still available (see the Reply Form for details).

The other significant event was the second conference on "Treatment Research on Experienced Anomalous Trauma" (TREAT), sponsored by Rima Laibow, M.D., a New York psychiatrist. The conference, held at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, VA, involved psychiatrists, psychologists and UFO investigators in a wide-ranging discussion of various aspects of the "abduction" phenomenon and its impact on the emotional health of "abductees." The conference was significant because of its increasing involvement of leaders in the mental health community in this aspect of UFO research. Two members of the Fund's Board of Directors, Robert Hall, Ph.D. and Dr. Maccabee, made presentations at the conference. The Fund is providing \$1,000 to support publication of the conference proceedings.

The First Quarter of 1990 was also marked by the first effort to recognize outstanding journalism in the UFO field. Last year, the Fund announced the establishment of a UFO Journalism Award in the name of the late Donald E. Keyhoe, former director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) and author of five books and a number of magazine articles on UFOs. The award was for the best news article or story published or broadcast in 1989 on the UFO phenomenon.

Print and electronic journalists from across the country submitted entries, which were screened by a committee consisting of three members of the Fund's Board of Directors: Don Berliner, aviation writer; Richard Hall, editor; and Fred Whiting, public relations executive and former broadcast journalist.



We're pleased to announce that the winner of the Donald Keyhoe Journalism Award for 1989 is George Knapp, News Director at KLAS-TV, Las Vegas, for his documentary, "UFOs: The Best Evidence." Mr. Knapp has received the First Prize of \$1,000 for his entry. The Fund will make a similar award in 1990.

The Executive Committee also decided during this period to once again recognize outstanding work in the field of UFO research by providing a \$500 check to the recipient of the Mutual UFO Network's award for the most outstanding contribution to UFO research during the year, which will be presented at the MUFON symposium in Pensacola in July. The Fund's cash prize is made annually in the name of Isabel Davis, one of the founders of the Fund for UFO Research.

During this period, the Executive Committee met with nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman in the Washington, D.C., area and received a progress report on his investigation into the alleged "MJ-12" documents and events surrounding the alleged crash of a UFO and retrieval of apparent alien bodies outside Roswell, New Mexico, in June 1947. Mr. Friedman, who is working under a \$16,000 grant made possible by the Fund's supporters, has already begun writing his report and notes that he has made substantial progress in identifying new--and potentially significant--sources of information. Contributors of \$50 or more to the project will receive a copy of Mr. Friedman's report before it is released publicly. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Mutual UFO Network and its members for making this vitally important effort possible.

#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

First Quarter 1990  
(not for publication)

##### Income

Donations	\$ 8,638.65
Sales	2,256.35
Postage	126.35
Interest	107.93
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$11,129.28</b>

##### Expenses

Mailing services	\$ 2,067.53
Postage (net)	61.78
Grants	1,246.00
Phone	399.27
Books for resale	1,341.65
Office equipment	553.83
Meetings	395.00
Travel	375.00
Memberships/subs	294.95
Miscellaneous	57.33
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,792.34</b>

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<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$6,106.07</b>

##### Assets

Checking Account	\$4,806.51
Dreyfus Account	366.69
Hanson Savings & Loan	6,910.64
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$12,083.84</b>

##### Fixed Assets

Office Equipment	\$ 553.83
Inventory--Books	1,341.65

**Total Fixed Assets \$ 1,895.48**

**Total Assets \$13,979.32**

##### Liabilities

MJ-12 Project	\$ 4,000.00
Abduction Trace Project	2,000.00
TREAT II Proceedings	1,000.00
Mystery Helicopters	400.00
Foo Fighter Project	250.00

**Total Liabilities \$ 7,760.00**

**NET WORTH \$ 6,219.32**

Treasurer's Note: The Executive Committee wishes to thank all of our supporters for their response to our recent fundraising appeal. Thanks to your contributions, the Fund now has a healthy balance in its accounts. However, your continued support is necessary if we are to continue our efforts to solve the UFO mystery.

Please note the enclosed Reply Form contains publications which have been offered previously, as well as new reports available nowhere else. Revenue from the sales of books, reports and government documents is used to support further scientific research into the UFO phenomenon.



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## **TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY WINS UFO JOURNALISM AWARD**

(WASHINGTON, D.C.; April 2, 1990)--A two-hour television documentary on Unidentified Flying Objects has won first place in the Donald E. Keyhoe Journalism Award competition, sponsored by the Fund for UFO Research.

The documentary, entitled "UFOs: The Best Evidence," was produced by George Knapp, news director at KLAS-TV, Las Vegas, NV. "This two-hour special took an in-depth look at the current state of UFOlogy, its strengths and weaknesses, and at some of the most controversial UFO cases, documents and individual researchers, in an attempt to evaluate whether UFOs are real--and if so--what they are," said Knapp.

"The special originally aired as a nine-part series in our nightly newscasts. The response to the series was so great that we made it into a special program," he added.

"The documentary was one of the best-produced television programs on the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects," concluded the Keyhoe Journalism Award Panel. "It was especially impressive because it was put together by a local television station. But more important was the fact that it was a good piece of investigative journalism."

The panel for the award competition consisted of: Don Berliner, aviation writer; Richard Hall, editor; and Fred Whiting, public relations executive and former broadcast journalist. Berliner, Hall and Whiting are members of the Board of Directors for the Fund for UFO Research, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, DC.

The first place winner in the journalism competition will receive a cash award of \$1,000.

Second place went to Kim Opatka, Staff Writer for the Latrobe (Pennsylvania) Bulletin, for her six-part series on UFOs published May 1-4, 1989. "The series was aimed at fostering a better public understanding of the UFO phenomenon and at abolishing misconceptions associated with the field and persons who have claimed sightings," said Opatka.

Another local television news series, "UFOhio," produced by WBNS-TV, Columbus, OH, was ranked third by the competition judges. The entry, which dealt with a week-long series of reports dealing with UFO activity in Ohio, was submitted by reporter Tom Berman. The station also conducted a telephone poll on UFOs, which resulted in more than 16,000 responses.

Runners-up in the award competition included:

\* Patricia S. Wren, Bureau Chief, Okanogan County, The Wenatchee World, Okanogan, WA, for her article, "Locals Still Believe in the Duley Lake UFOs," published February 2, 1989;



\* Pat Moore, reporter for the La Crosse (Wisconsin) Tribune, for "UFO Sighting Hot News," published October 15, 1989;

\* Jeff Holt, reporter for the Harrison (Arkansas) Daily Times, for his article, "Residents Describe Sightings of UFO," published November 18, 1989;

\* and Barry E. Taff of Los Angeles, CA, for his article "Anatomy of an 'EBE,'" published in Vol. 4, No. 3, 1989, UFO magazine.

The UFO Journalism Award is named after Donald E. Keyhoe, author of five books and a number of newspaper and magazine articles on the UFO phenomenon. A major in the U.S. Marine Corps and former aide to Charles Lindbergh, Keyhoe was former director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena and one of the first prominent individuals to call attention to the U.S. Government's apparent cover-up of information on UFOs. He passed away in November 1988.

Entries for the second annual competition are now being accepted for the best article or story published or broadcast on UFOs in 1990. The deadline for entries is February 1, 1991. To receive an entry form, contact the Fund for UFO Research, P.O. Box 277, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712; phone (703) 684-6032 (voice or fax).

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